

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4053 United States International Leadership Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on March 31, 2004

H.R. 4053 would require the Secretary of State to:

- Promote the United States' agenda at international organizations through the creation of a democracy caucus and the use of high-level delegations;
- Increase training in multilateral diplomacy;
- Promote United States leadership in international organizations; and
- Establish an Office on Multilateral Negotiations to pursue these objectives.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million to combat piracy of copyrighted materials and develop intellectual property laws in countries that are not members of the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation and \$2 million for a voluntary contribution to the Organization of American States for the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism. In addition, based on information from the Department of State, CBO estimates that establishing and operating the Office on Multilateral Negotiations would cost \$2 million a year. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$21 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming the appropriation of the necessary and authorized amounts. H.R. 4053 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 4053 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 18, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2144, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2005, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on March 4, 2004. Section 814 of S. 2144 is similar to section 203 of H.R. 4053 (which contains the \$10 million authorization cited above), but the Senate bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million in 2005 to combat piracy of copyrighted materials and develop intellectual property laws.

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